

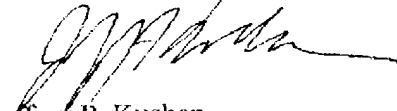
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**REMARKS**

The enclosed replacement listing of claims is provided in response to the notice of non-compliant amendment under 37 CFR §1.121, mailed July 13, 2004. Applicant notes that the sole deficiency identified by the Examiner in the notice is that in claim 24, the word "depletion" was underlined, suggesting that this word had been added by the amendment dated December 3, 2003. The replacement listing of the claims corrects this error by omitting the underlining of the word "depletion" as it occurs in claim 24. Accordingly, the replacement listing of the claims addresses the deficiency observed by the Examiner under 37 CFR §1.121. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(h), only the replacement listing of claims is enclosed in this response, as the only deficiency observed by the Examiner pertained to claim 24 as it appeared in the listing of claims section of the response dated December 3, 2003.

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